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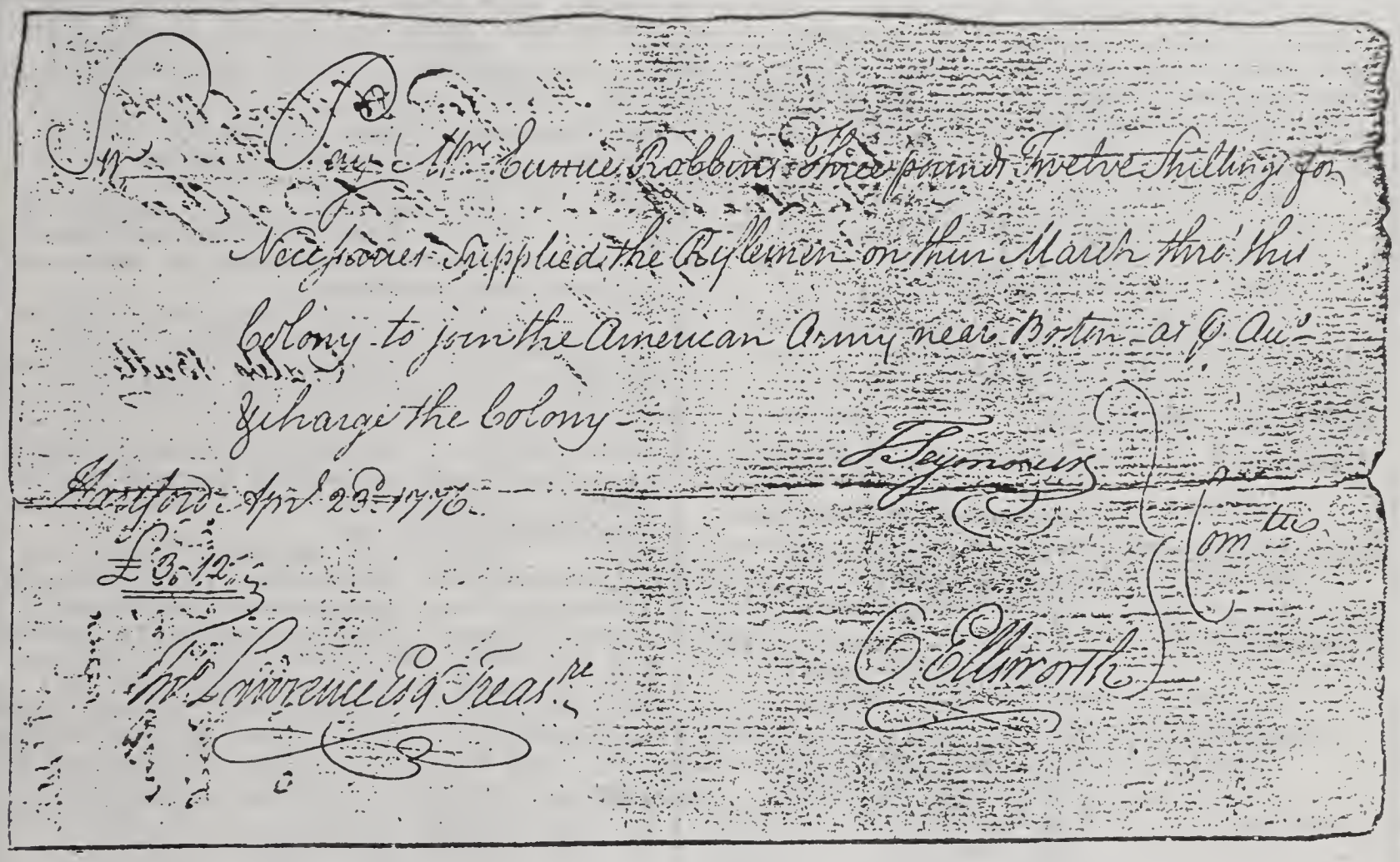

Mr Ens[illegible] Timothy Robbins three pounds Twelve Shillings for Necessaries Supplied the Riflemen on their March thro' this Colony to join the American Army near Boston at G. Au's Charge the Colony —

Hartford April 29th 1776

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To Mr Lawrence Esq Treas[r]

L Seymour

Com[te]

O Ellsworth

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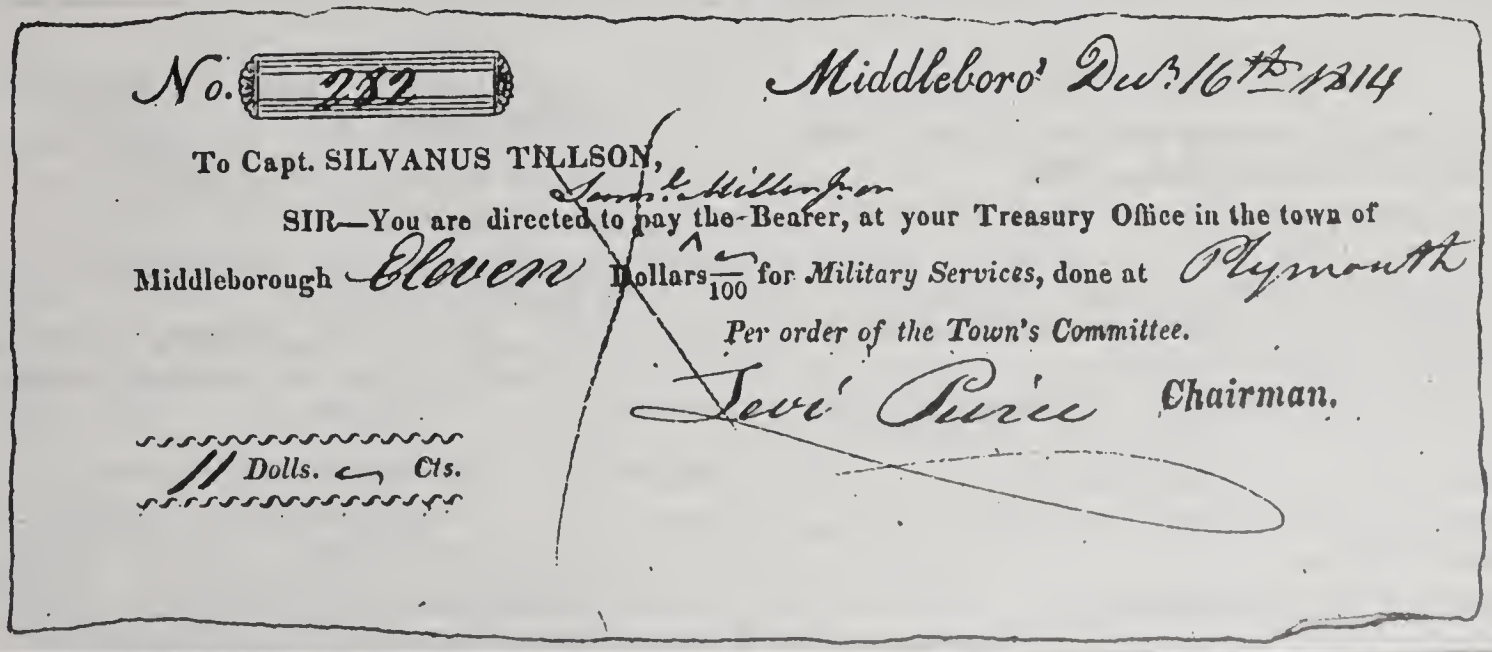

No. 232

Middleboro' Dec[r] 16th 1814

To Capt. SILVANUS TILLSON,

Sam[l] Tillson Jun[r]

SIR—You are directed to pay the Bearer, at your Treasury Office in the town of Middleborough Eleven Dollars 00/100 for *Military Services*, done at Plymouth

Per order of the Town's Committee.

Levi Pierce *Chairman.*

11 Dolls. 00 Cts.

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Time again to pause and look up and around! Check collecting continues to be as fascinating as ever. There are many check collectors out there and some are now hearing about our Society for the first time. Some are becoming members. Please pass the word.

I should like to commend and to thank those members who write and greet our new members and send or offer some checks with their compliments and congratulations. Check collecting at its best!

Our membership has increased over the past year, even though some members have been dropped at this time for non-payment of dues. The Directory of Members in this issue contains many updated addresses and zip codes.

Included with this issue is a ballot listing eleven members nominated for the Board of Directors. Please vote to show your support.

Our Society contains a wonderful group of collectors who have given of their time, talents and special skills which has enhanced our enjoyment of check collecting. This issue contains information and photos of some outstanding rarities which were submitted by some of our members who have generously shared their collections with us.

The Check Collector continues to mirror your interests. An illustrated article is very much needed on the subject of checks, drafts, bills of exchange and warrants, to enable some of our members to more fully understand the uses and to easily differentiate between these instruments. Decent photocopies of items will do. Thanks to those members who do submit articles, comments and suggestions to The Check Collector. It is your journal and you are what makes it go.

Happy collecting,

Bob Spence

QUICKIE QUIZ

1. Vignettes showing beehives were often used on bank checks. Why?
2. Some vignettes show a dog, a safe and a ____?
3. Name three methods used in the 19th century to provide protection against alteration of checks?
4. Name three kinds of revenue stamps used on checks and bills of exchange?
5. What is a "counter check"?
6. Name six territories in which checks were issued?
7. What is an "allonge"?
8. In European use, what is meant by a "crossed check"?
9. What is meant by an "RN-FAC"?
10. What is a "warrant"?
11. What is meant by a "Quaker date" on a check?
12. What was the name of the first bank in what is now the United States?

New members who send a #10 S.A.S.E. to member C. P. Brittain, P. O. Box 415, Cherryville, NC 28021 will receive some checks for your collection with his compliments.

CHECK COLLECTING — HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS

by Robert A. Spence

One of the happy pleasures of check collecting is the surprise discovery of an item in your collection, or one just acquired, that displays a direct tie with past history. Checks and related fiscals show their tie to historical events much more directly than do many other collectibles. Since the check and its related forms are the very essence of a transaction, our hobby provides many of these opportunities. The dates, names and autographs, locations, vignettes, endorsements and the names that appear on checks, along with the uniqueness of each item, are each like tie cords reaching back through the past to the very essence of a historical event or point in time.

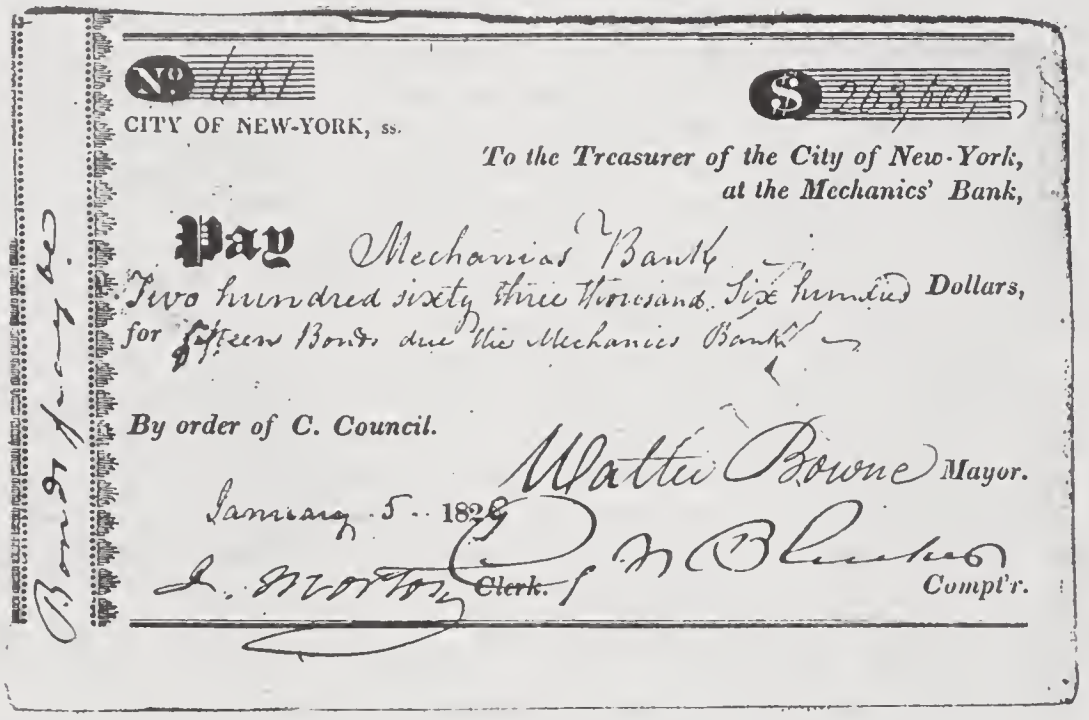
Experience has shown that many check collectors already have several items that have direct and significant historic relationships that are not realized nor appreciated by the collector. This observation appears to be especially evident when the checks are from locations or areas of interest that differ from those of the collector's main interests. Nonetheless, many check collectors are turning up new finds, or discovering new information about items in their collections and enjoying it! The wide variety of these discoveries and areas of interest are but an indication of the broad spectrum of check collecting.

As a suggestion and hopeful inspiration to new collectors and as a respectful reminder to experienced collectors, there follows some notes on a random selection of checks and related items which it is hoped will whet your desire to review again with care, some of those interesting looking items in your own collection.

What better way to start than with our first item, brimming with history, which is shown as the top illustration on the front cover page. This Warrant, or Order to Pay, was most generously submitted by Sandy Mock. The date is significant, as it is but six days after the Battles of Lexington and Concord! Here was fired the "shot heard round the world". This Warrant shows that it was heard in the Colony of Connecticut, as their "riflemen" colonists set off to join the "American Army near Boston". We remember that General George Washington shortly thereafter took command of the American Army on the Common in Cambridge, near Boston. Note that a "Committee" authorized the Warrant to Treasurer Lawrence of the Colony. This Warrant form was used as the Bank of North America had yet to open its doors. Today, one Eunice Robbins would most likely have received one of the attractive Statue of Liberty vignetted checks of the U. S. Treasurer prepared by computer for such services. On the reverse side of the Warrant is included a notation "Audited- 13 May 1776". Less than a month and paid, cleared and already passed through an audit! Next time you see one of those U. S. Army Paymaster checks, remember that its ancestor is probably this item.

Taking a handful of items from a recently acquired batch of material, an item caught my eye and it was another military Warrant, which is pictured at the bottom of the front cover page. The wording at first may not appear to warrant a second look, but here is another "rifleman" item. This time it is the War of 1812. The military saw action against the British all along

the Cape Cod coast and the southern Massachusetts coast near New Bedford. Military records show that the Port of New Bedford was blockaded by the British ships Nimrod and La Hogue. The militia was called up to serve and to protect the exposed towns along this coast. Remember that Washington City and the White House had been invaded and burned and we had not enough ships for sea defense of the coast. This Warrant was to pay one Samuel Miller, Jr., for his service.


No 681
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CITY OF NEW-YORK, ss.
To the Treasurer of the City of New-York,
at the Mechanics' Bank,
Pay Mechanics' Bank
Two hundred sixty three Thousand Six hundred Dollars,
for fifteen Bonds due the Mechanics Bank
By order of C. Council.
Walter Bowne Mayor.
January 5 1826
Clerk.
Compt'r.

Figure 1

After the War of 1812, the United States enjoyed a great expansion and economic growth. New York City became the financial center of the country. Figure 1 shows a check of New York City signed by the Mayor, Walter Bowne, and others, in the amount of $263,600, a king's ranson in those days when an ordinary workman received as wages about a half dollar a day. The equivalent present value of the amount of this check today is estimated to be about 50 million dollars.

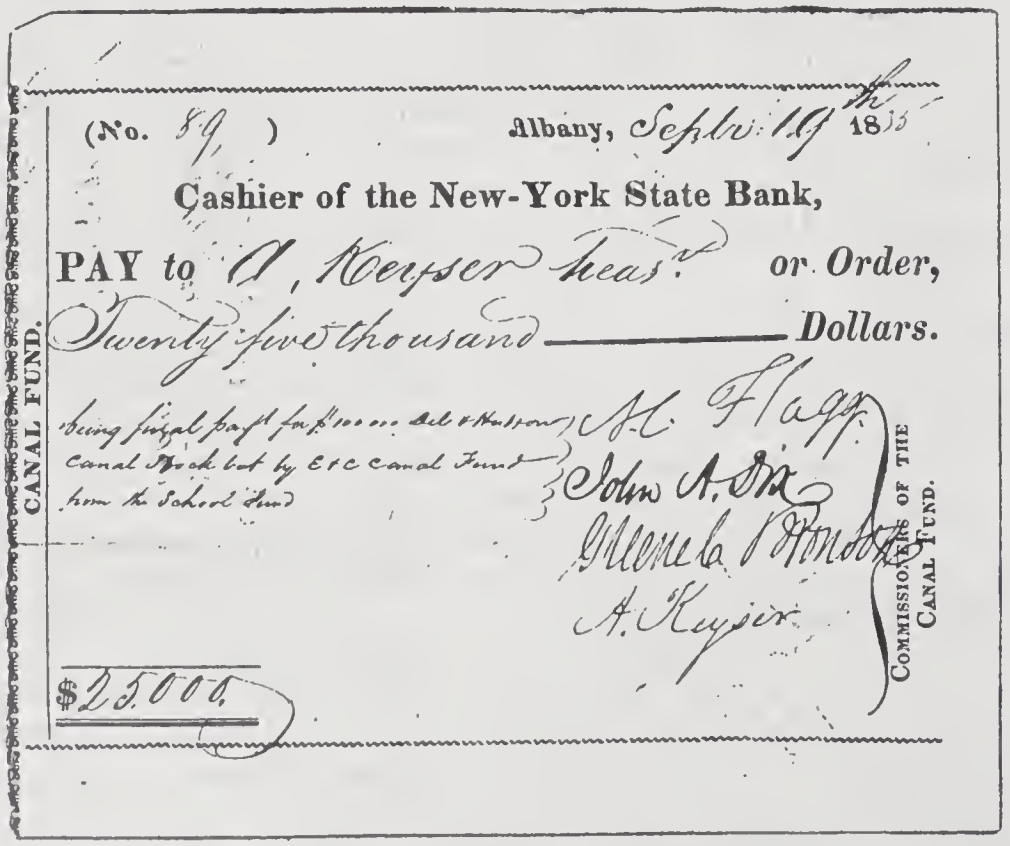

(No. 89)
Albany, Septbr 10th 1838
Cashier of the New-York State Bank,
PAY to A. Keyser Treas. or Order,
Twenty five thousand Dollars.
being final part for loan of Hudson Canal Stock bot by Erie Canal Fund from the School Fund
A. Flagg
John A. Dix
Gilmore Hoadley
A. Keyser
CANAL FUND.
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CANAL FUND.
$25000

Figure 2

The expansion of transportation facilities after the War of 1812 saw canals, railroads and shipping lines flourish. The next check, Figure 2, the final payment for $100,000 of Delaware & Hudson Canal stock looked ordinary until I noticed and looked up "John A. Dix" at the local library. With a long and distinguished military career, he became Secretary of the Treasury in 1861, preceding Salmon P. Chase. He telegraphed a Treasury official in New Orleans after the secession of South Carolina to take possession of a revenue cutter there, ending with the words "If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot". This phrase became a popular Northern slogan and appeared as the legend on a common Civil War token which was commonly available when I was a boy. As with other young coin collectors, there being no coin books available, the word "Dix" in the center of the token was believed to mean "ten" like the "Dixie" Confederate note, and sometimes, "two". Now at long last I have learned the rest of the story!

No. 1683 United States Navy Yard, New-York, Sept. 1st 1844.
ATLANTIC BANK, BROOKLYN:
Pay to the Or. John Rynick or Order,
241
Dollars
W. Sinclair

Figure 3

Following the War of 1812 the United States had a budding navy and the U. S. Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York, was one of the major bases of the square-rigged naval forces of that period. Figure 3 is a check of a Naval Paymaster at that Navy Yard. This interesting check has a receipt form printed on the reverse side. The Brooklyn Navy Yard has built, repaired and served as a base for many fighting ships of many wars.

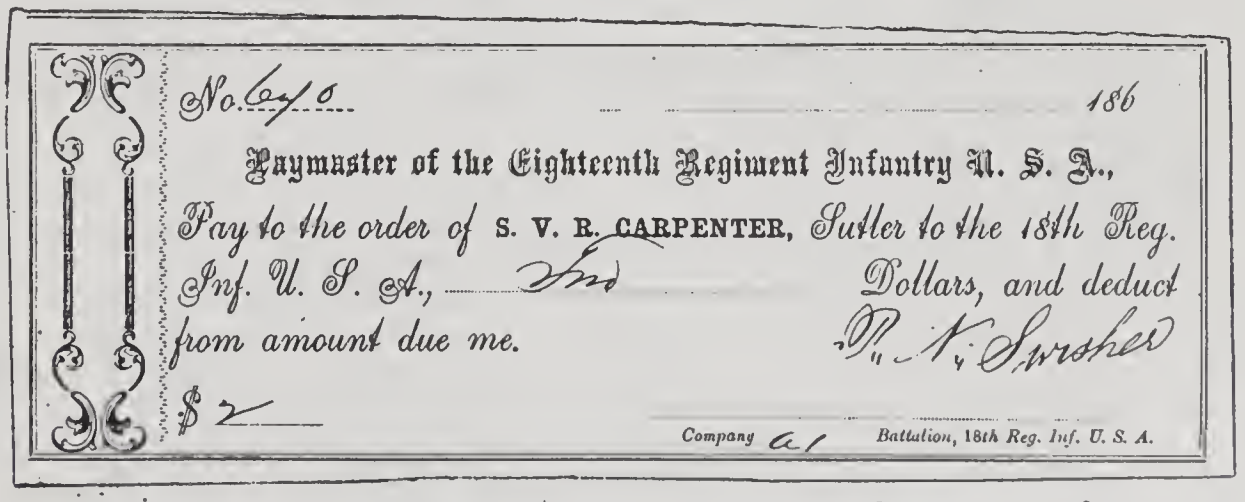
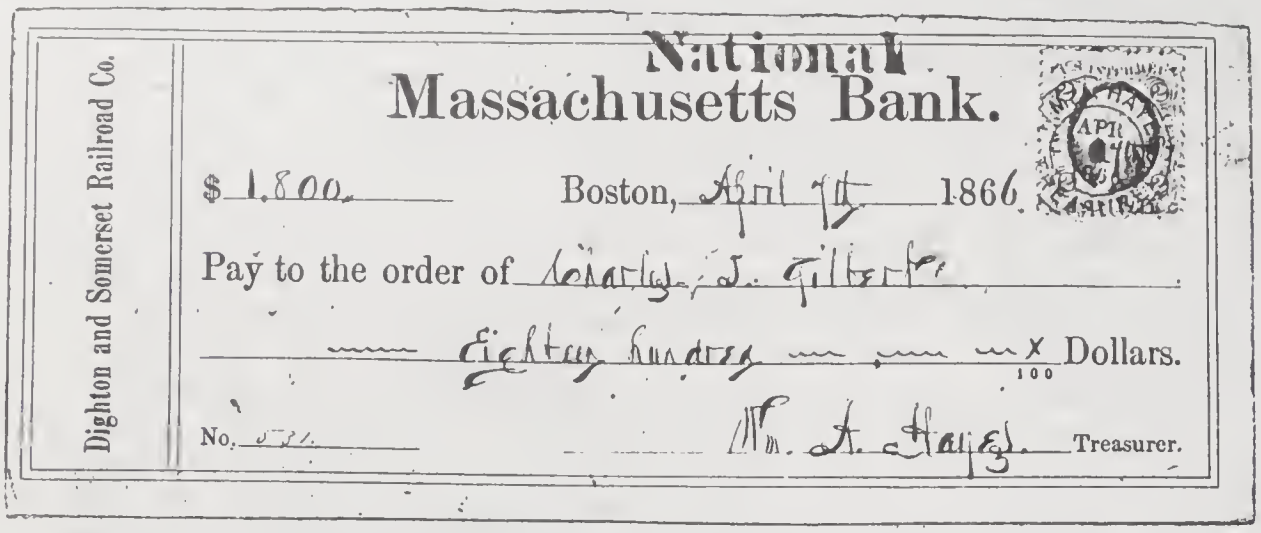

No. 6 of 0 186
Paymaster of the Eighteenth Regiment Infantry U. S. A.,
Pay to the order of S. V. R. CARPENTER, Sutler to the 18th Reg.
Inf. U. S. A., Ten Dollars, and deduct
from amount due me.
P. K. Swasher
$ 2
Company A Battalion, 18th Reg. Inf. U. S. A.

Figure 4

In the Civil War, the Army Sutler was the traveling Post Exchange for the troops in the field. At that time, items considered necessaries nowadays could only be purchased from these Sutlers. Figure 4 is a Warrant to the Army Paymaster authorizing a pay deduction to settle a soldier's account with his Sutler. This item is like a bullet found on a battlefield; it was there!

The National Banking Act was passed by Congress in the early period of the Civil War. The National Banks were to provide a much needed means to generate funds for carrying on the war. Thrifty persons altered the bank name on checks to show it was now a National Bank. Figure 5 is an example of such a check.


Dighton and Somerset Railroad Co.

National
Massachusetts Bank.

$ 1.800. Boston, April 7th 1866.

Pay to the order of Solarly J. Gilbert

Eighty hundred ~~~ ~~~ ~~~

what such a document would show today, indicates how much things have changed.

Many collectors have checks of the 19th Century. In that period when a person could sign a check for some thousands of dollars, he was generally a person of some prominence or position. He had to be, as this was a considerable sum of money. Looking up the names on such checks is a fascinating and promising endeavor as it leads to many surprises. Try it sometime, you will like it!

THE TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL PAPER MONEY SHOW

by Charles Kemp

The International Paper Money Show was held June 22 through 24, 1988, in Memphis, Tennessee. It was a great success, as always, with both collectors and dealers going away happy.

This show is quite important because it serves as a sort of clearinghouse among dealers, with much trading going on. This often overlooked feature allows new discoveries to be dispersed over a much broader area of the country than would be possible otherwise. The greatest concern of most dealers is one of replenishing their stock. The Memphis Show is the best place to do this.

This year saw several new hoards of material coming on the market, with the last of Amon Carter's material being sold by John Rowe. While this last group was not as fine an assortment as some of the earlier ones, it did have many nice items and was especially strong in revenue stamped material. No doubt, due to this, most of the group was purchased by Eric Jackson, a prominent dealer in U. S. revenues. More new finds came out of the Boys Town Sale, with Ken Elwell ending up with fine new material including some beautiful proof checks.

Two auctions were held in connection with the show. The NASCA Sale was heavy in stocks and bonds, with some check lots included. The Hickman-Oakes Sale featured a nice selection of checks, along with the usual offering of National Currency.

While check dealers continued to complain about the scarcity of new material, the stock and bond people were finding it a bit easier to come by, thanks to some large archive holdings like the Rock Island and the Penn Central-New York Central material being made available to the public. Bob Kluge of American Vignettes also pointed out that much of the NASCA Sale was formed from collections. It was only a short time ago that there were no collections of this type material around. Bob considers the fact that we have reached this point within the hobby to be very significant.

Many Western dealers made the long trip and the prices of this type of material often reflected its popularity and scarcity. Among these dealers were: Lynn Langdon from Idaho, Stuart MacKenzie from Montana, and Walt Alcott, John Heleva, Ray Miller and Vern Potter, all from California. Alcott reflected that Memphis is the most important show of the year because it attracts the most serious collectors. He went on to explain that, if he divided his gross business at Memphis by the number of customers, their purchases would average about $400 each, while a local show back home might see a greater volume but an average sale of only about $14 each. Many collectors did comment on the high prices, but most felt that it was worthwhile for the opportunity to add quality pieces to their collections.

To round out the show, a brief business meeting of the American Society of Check Collectors was held. It is hoped that next year, a more extensive meeting program can be arranged for our members.

SOME RARITIES AMONG CHECKS WITH IMPRINTED REVENUE STAMPS

By Ed Lipson

(Editor's Note: In the following article, Edward N. Lipson has very kindly shared with our members photos and details of many spectacular checks bearing imprinted revenue stamps that are in his collection. His collection contains most of the great rarities of U.S. revenue stamps. Allowing for the meager reproduction facilities of this journal, restricted to black and white, we may nonetheless view and enjoy outstanding examples of some of the classic rarities which most of us have never seen.)

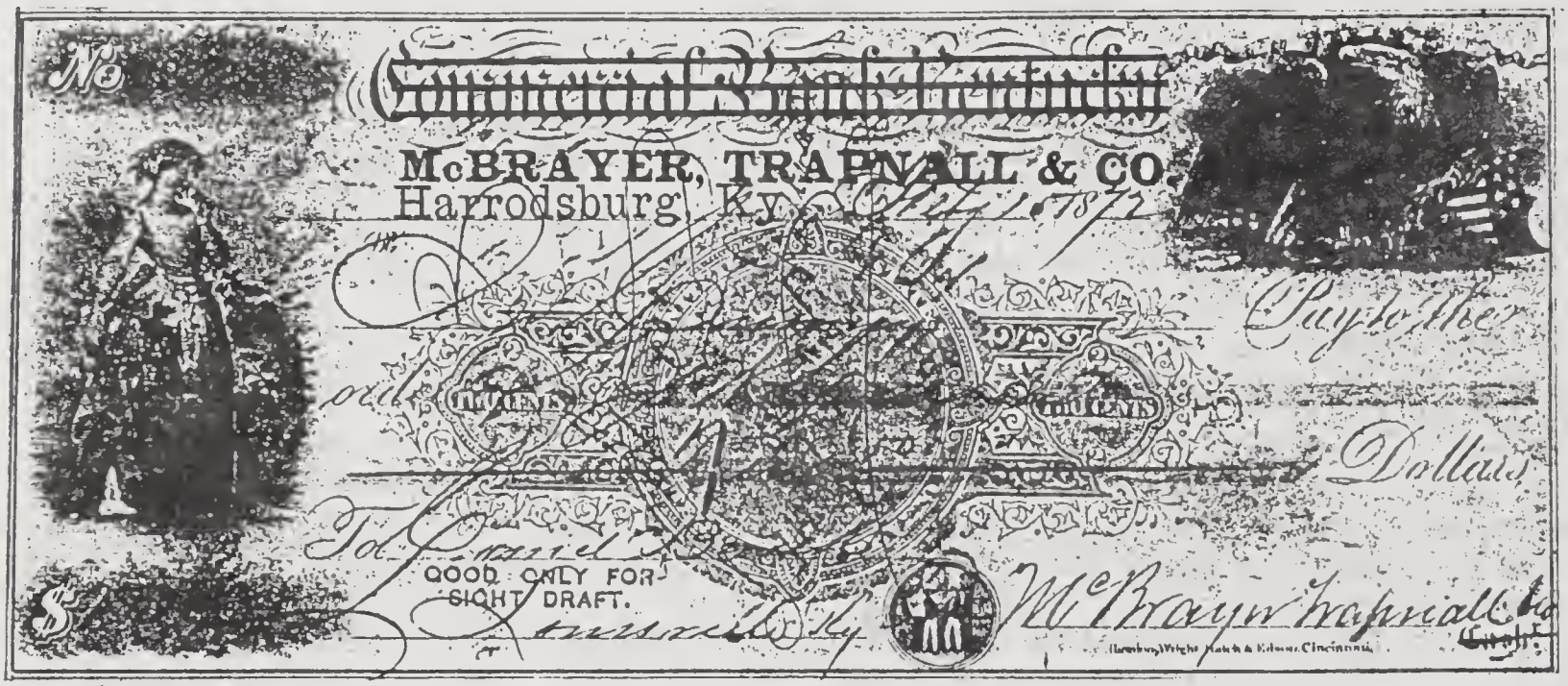


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a rather scarce and elusive item, a draft bearing an overprint on the original bank name and a Type C imprinted revenue stamp with the restrictive clause "Good only for sight draft" as a part of the stamp. This draft, with the overprint name, the stamp with the restrictive clause at its lower left, three beautiful vignettes and with the draft printed in three colors, is an item worthy of being noticed.

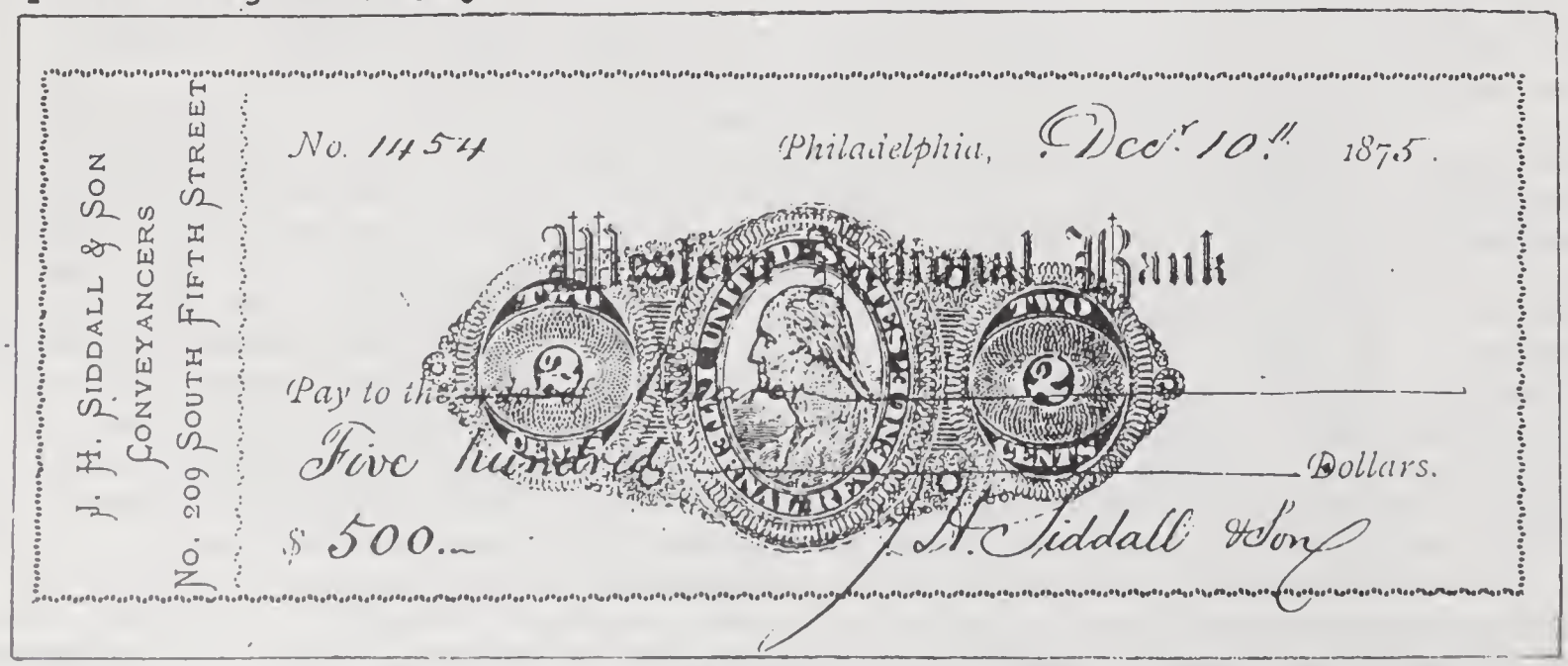


Figure 2

Figure 2 is a magnificent example of a check bearing a Type RN-K8 imprint revenue stamp in a very deep red shade. There is believed to be only three known examples of this imprint stamp in this color.

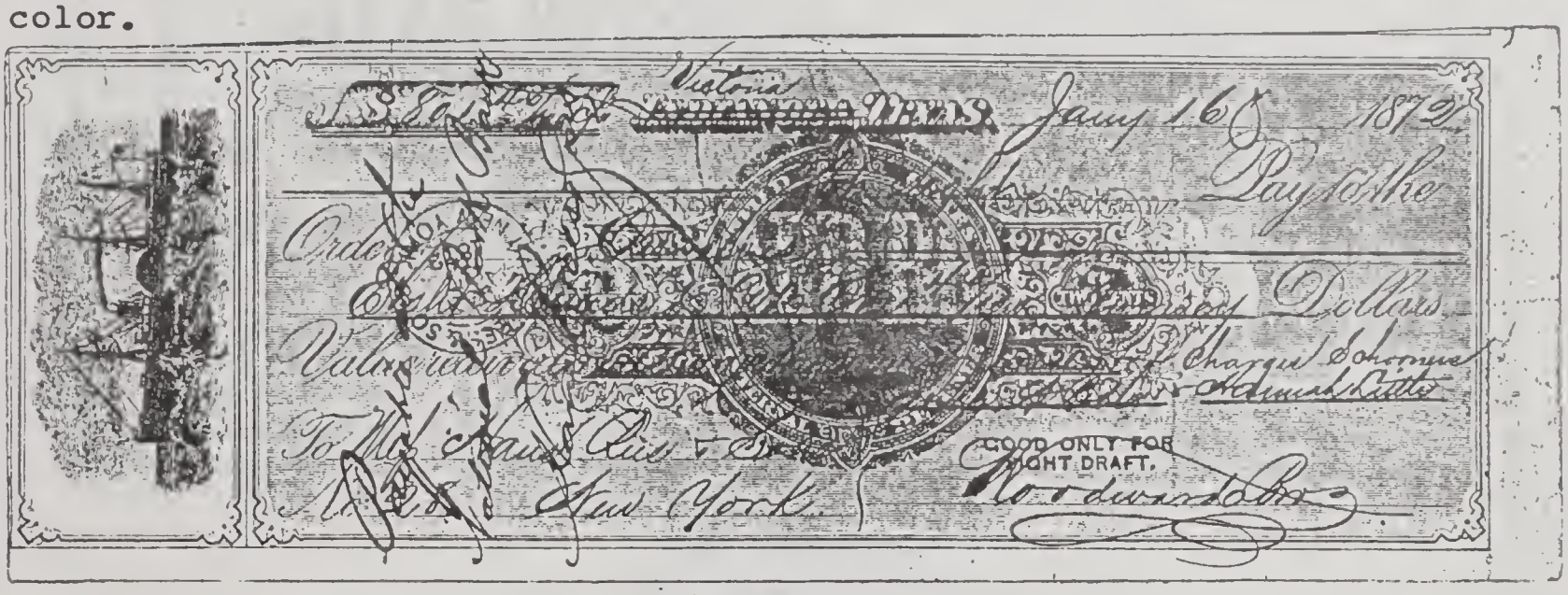


Figure 3

Figure 3 is a beautiful draft, but here the restrictive imprint of the Type C revenue stamp appears to the lower right of the stamp and not the lower left. This item as a Texas draft, with a lovely vignette at the left, with a green background and three colors being obvious in its overall printing, makes for a very beautiful item.

Figure 4

Figure 4 is a draft of the National Bank of New England with a Type D imprint revenue stamp. The large central vignette on the draft is the same vignette that appears on the broken bank notes of this bank. I have an example of this draft issued before the bank became a national bank and where it merely reads "Bank of New England". Also, another example similar to this where the imprint revenue stamp is a Type B and not a Type D, and with the word "National" written by pen in front of the phrase "Bank of New England".

Figure 5 is a check drawn on the National Webster Bank of Boston. You will note that the revenue stamp is inverted. Any check with an imprinted revenue on its face or back and upside down is a scarce item. This particular item is not the scarcest of the inverts,

DIVIDEND No. 65.

NATIONAL WEBSTER BANK.

LAWRENCE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

$60.00 ...ON, December 1st, 1873.

Pay to . . ...IVID... . . or Bearer,

SIX ... DOLLARS.

No. 152 J. M. Austin for the Treasurer.

Figure 5

but it is quite a scarce item nevertheless. It is part of a group discovered within the past five years.

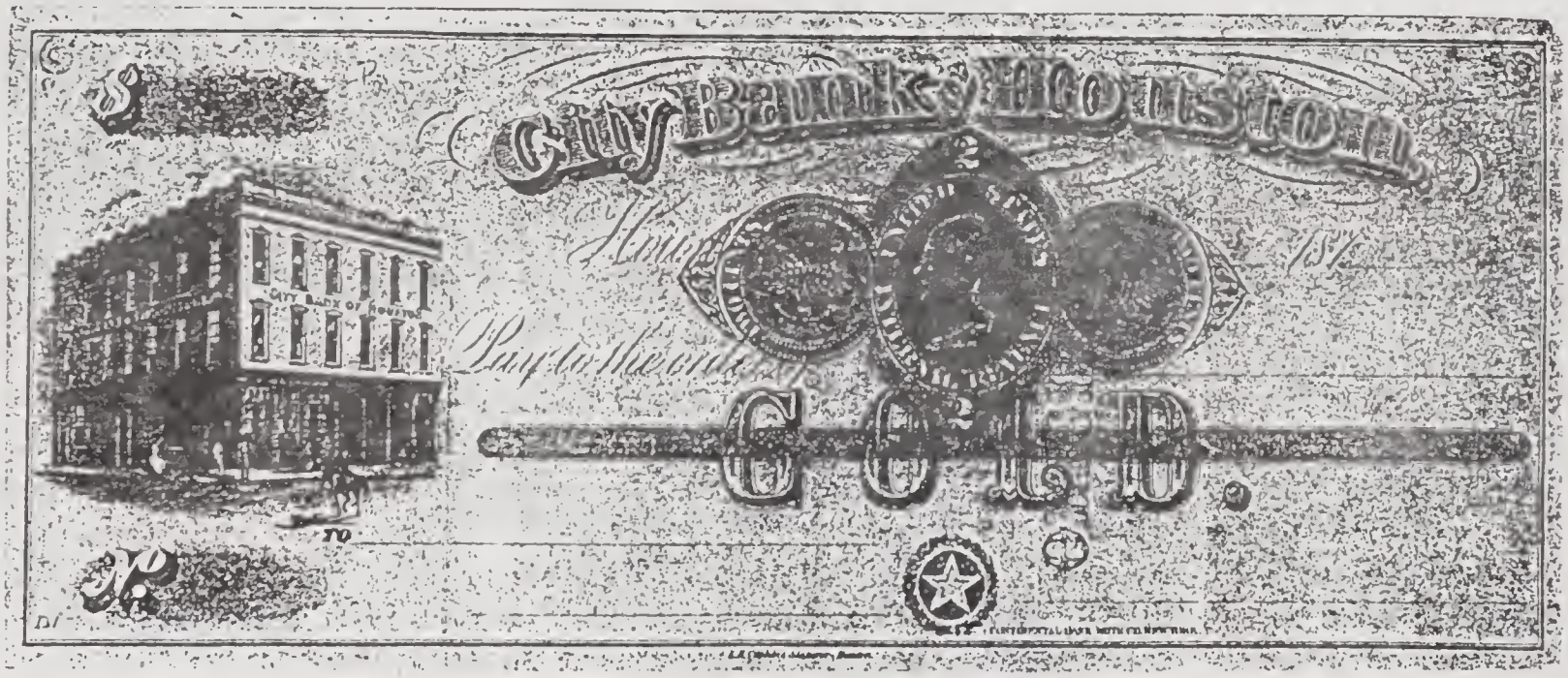
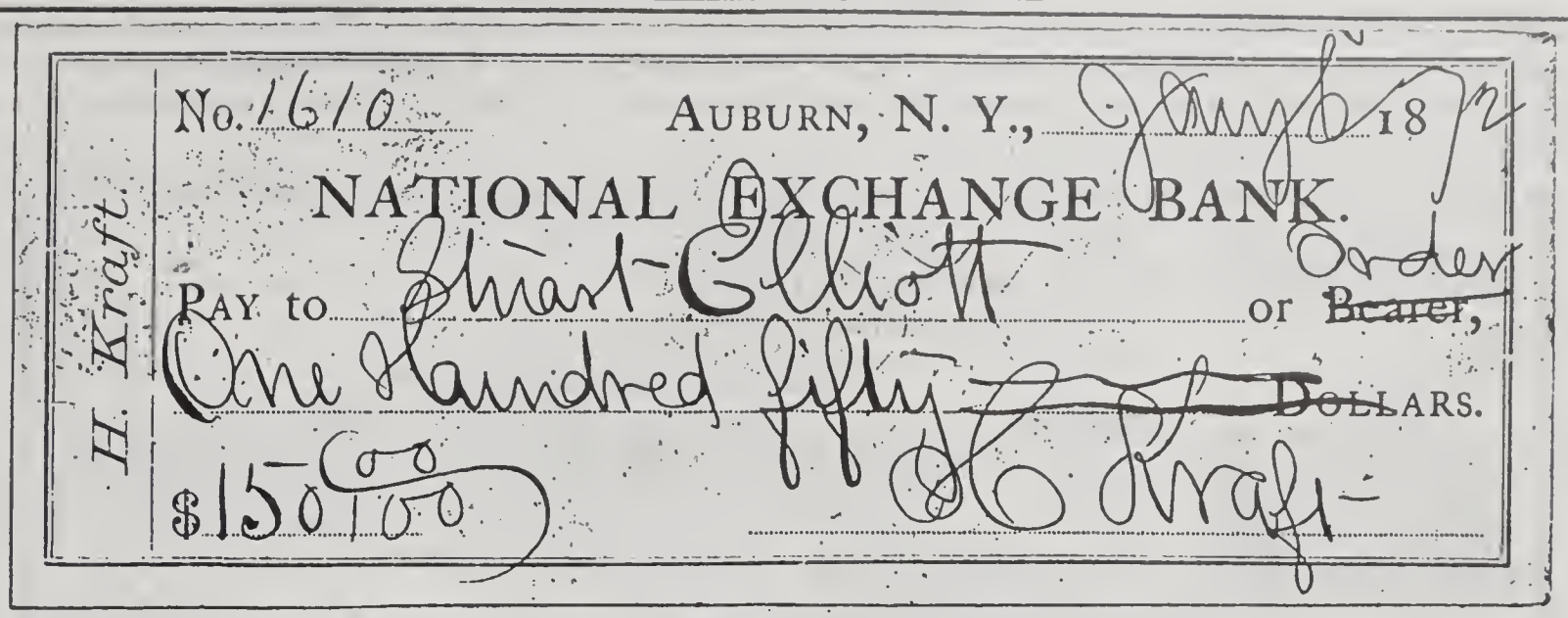


Figure 6

Figure 6 is a draft form of the City Bank of Houston, Texas. Note the overprint "Original" thereon; the printed word "GOLD"; the vignette of a frontier bank building; the Texas "Lone Star" at the bottom; and the printer of the draft, Continental Bank Note Co. This item in unused condition is certainly a very lovely piece.

Figure 7 shows the face of a check of the National Exchange Bank of Auburn, N.Y. You will note that a printed revenue does not appear on the face of it. Figure 7-R is the back of the check in Figure 7. The revenue stamp is printed on the back and printed upside down. This is an extreemely rare item from the standpoint of imprinted revenue material. In fact, there are far less of these than there are of the regular printed Type O which is illustrated later.



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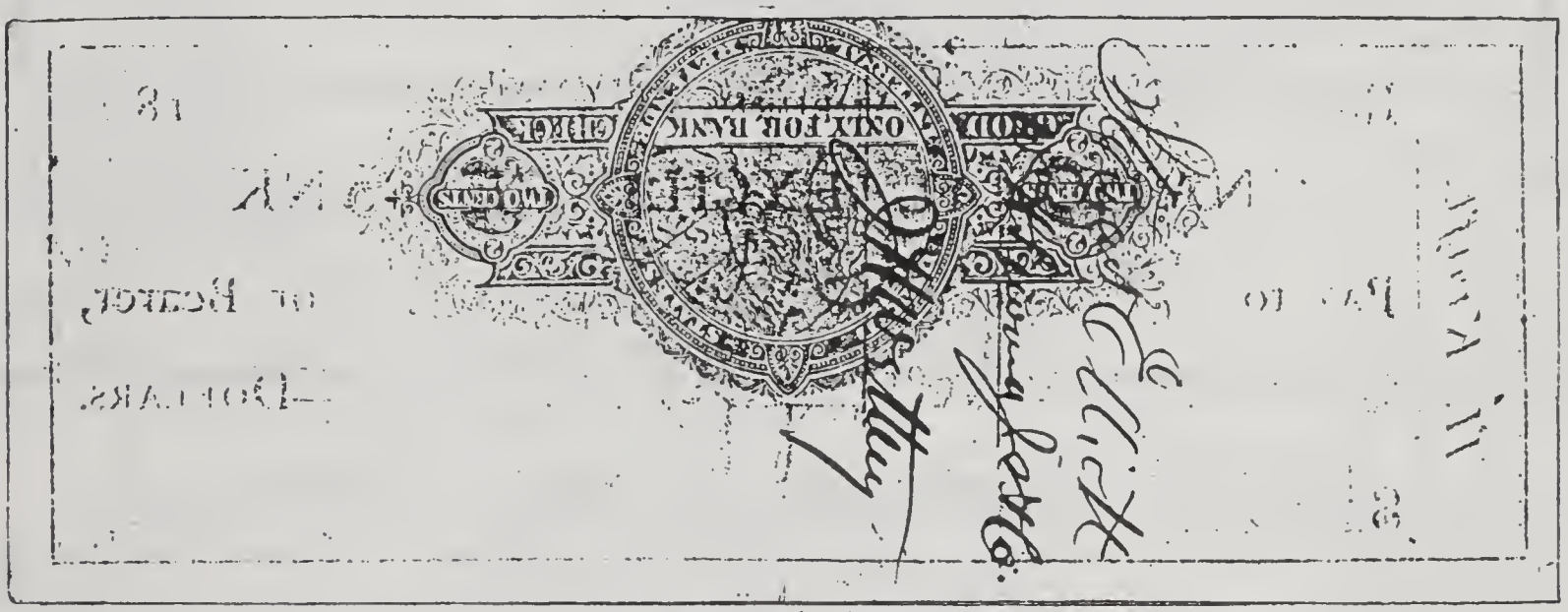


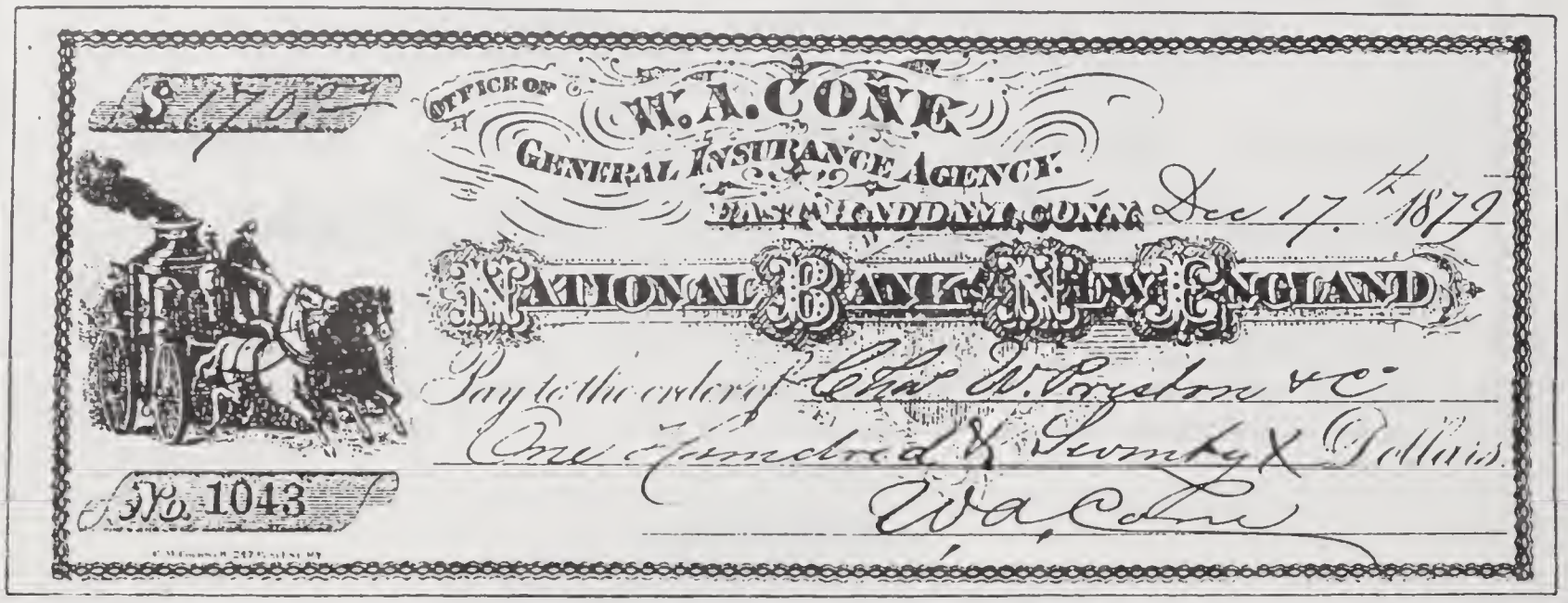
Figure 7-R

Figure 8

The face of the check in Figure 8 is printed in red and the revenue stamp is a Type B in orange. I do think the vignettes are especially beautiful.

The check shown in Figure 9 actually has a Type G revenue stamp imprinted on it and is interesting primarily because of the

lovely fire engine vignette in red on its left side. There are a number of checks with fire engines around but I have never seen another one like this. Do you know of another one? I think this vignette is exceptionally beautiful.



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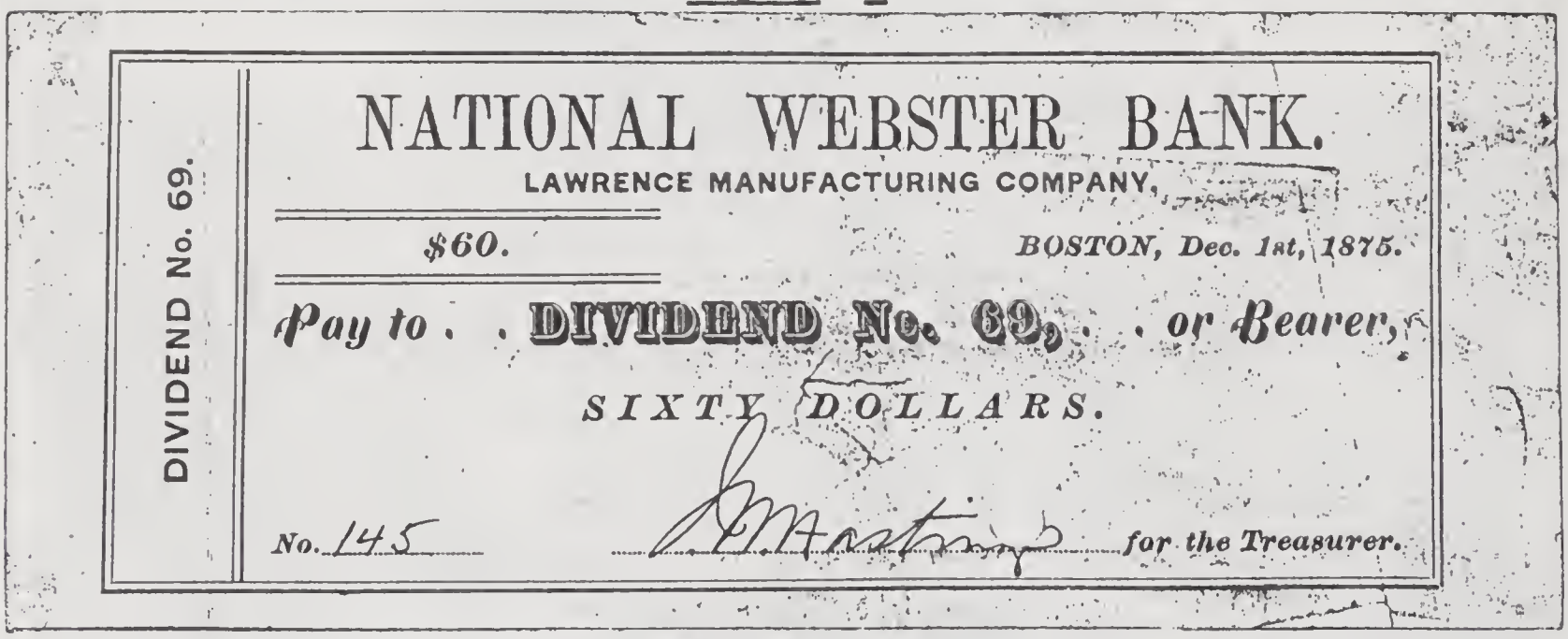

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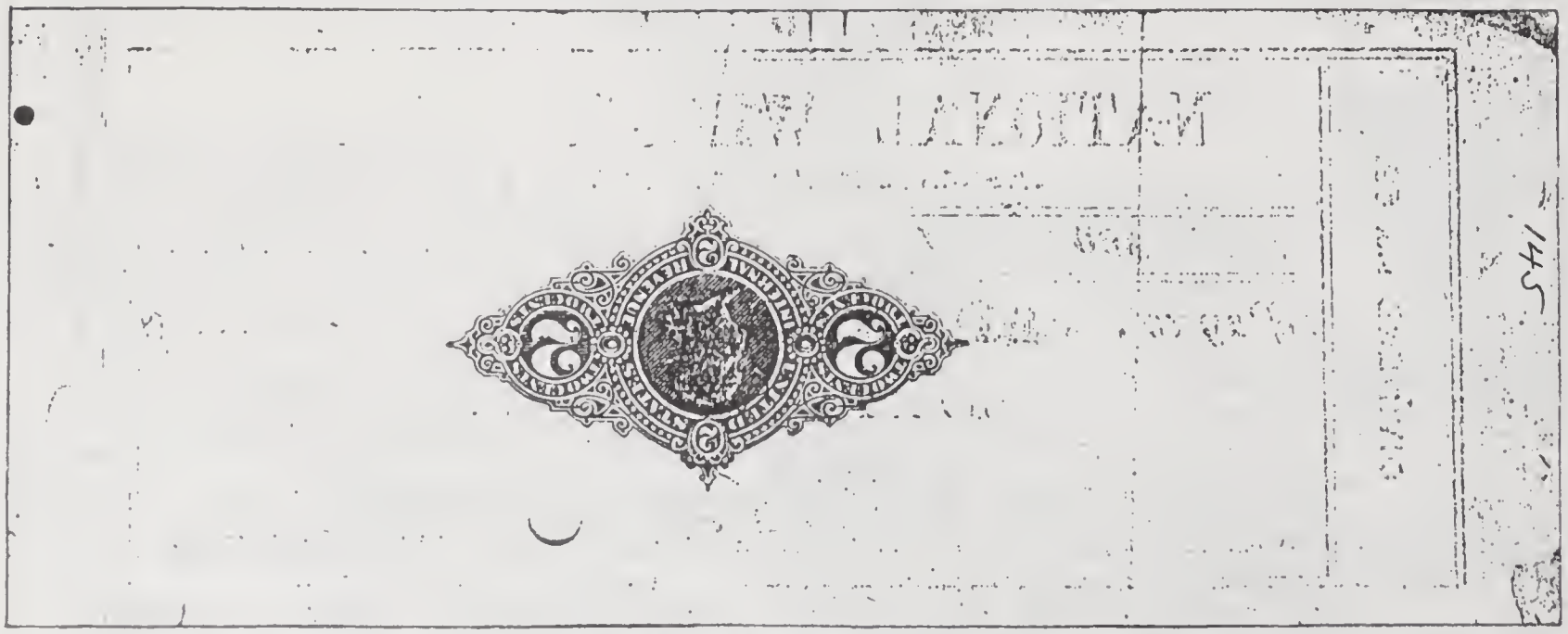

Figure 10-R

Figure 10 shows another check on the National Webster Bank of Boston. You will note there is no revenue stamp on the face of the check. If you will look at Figure 10-R, you will see that the revenue stamp is on the back of the check and is inverted. This is an extreemely rare check, far rarer than any Type O. I know of six to eight Type O's, plus another small group of them. There are at least about eight examples of the Type O in the hands of active collectors. To my knowledge, this check of which the revenue stamp is Type M, is the only one that I know of where the stamp is on the back of the cneck.

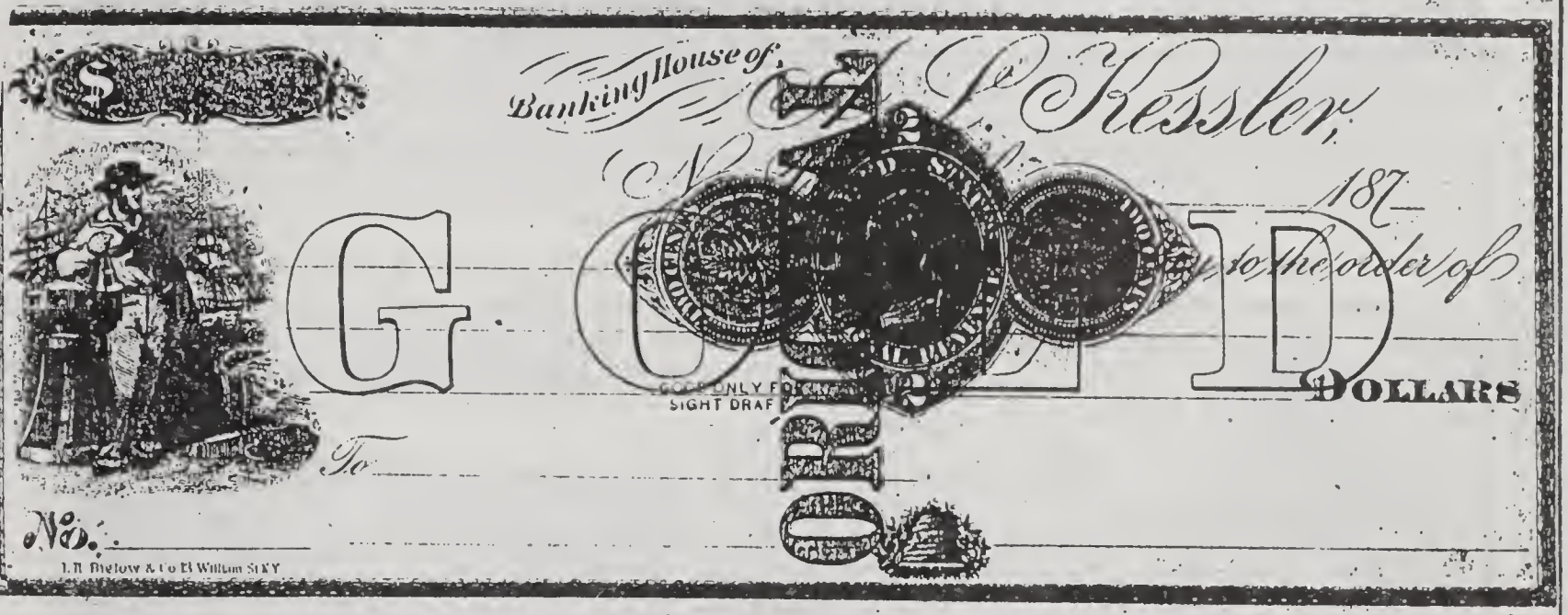

Figure 11

A check with a Type D imprint with the restrictive clause "Good only for sight draft" at the lower left of the imprinted revenue stamp is shown in Figure 11. In unused condition, this is the first and only example of this check that I have ever seen. I would be interested in hearing from any other collectors if they know of any other unused examples of this particular item.

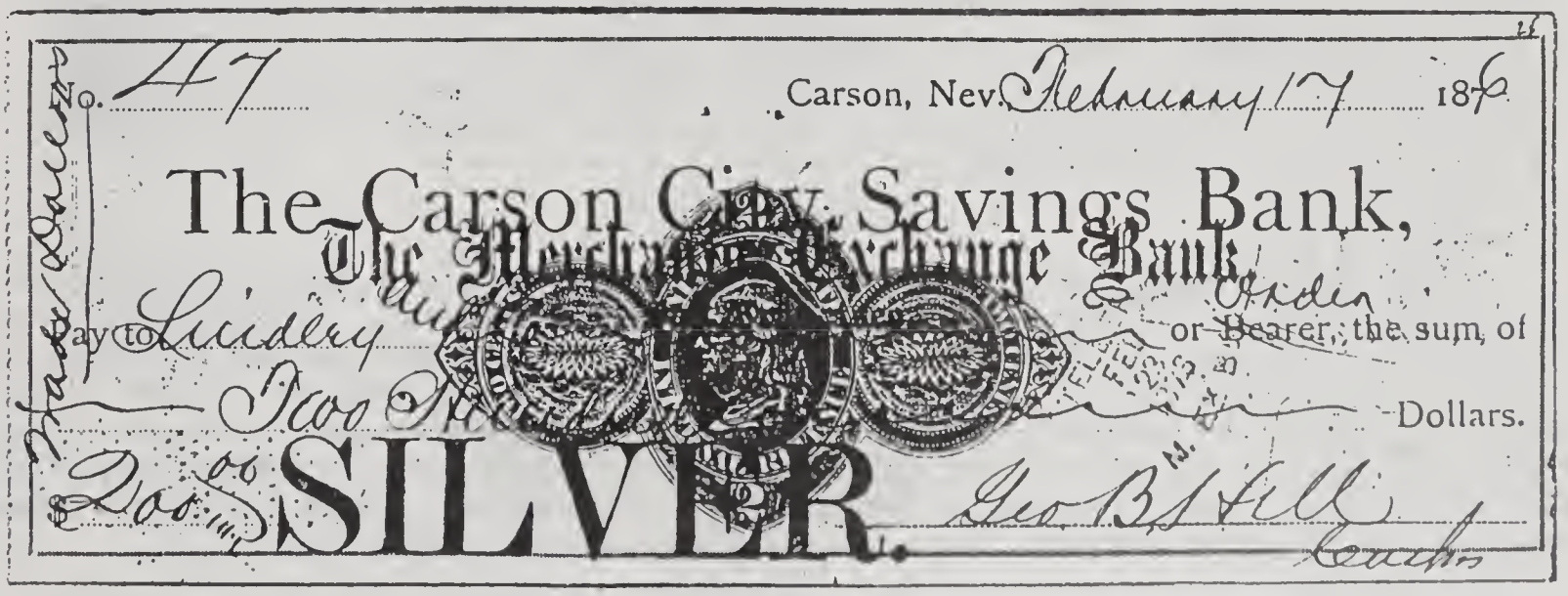

Figure 12

Figure 12 is an ordinary check with a Type D imprint drawn in Carson, Nevada. I just thought that with the overprinted alteration of the bank's name, the notations thereon, the large handstamped word "SILVER" on the check, and considering from where it was issued, that you would consider this to be a rather interesting item.

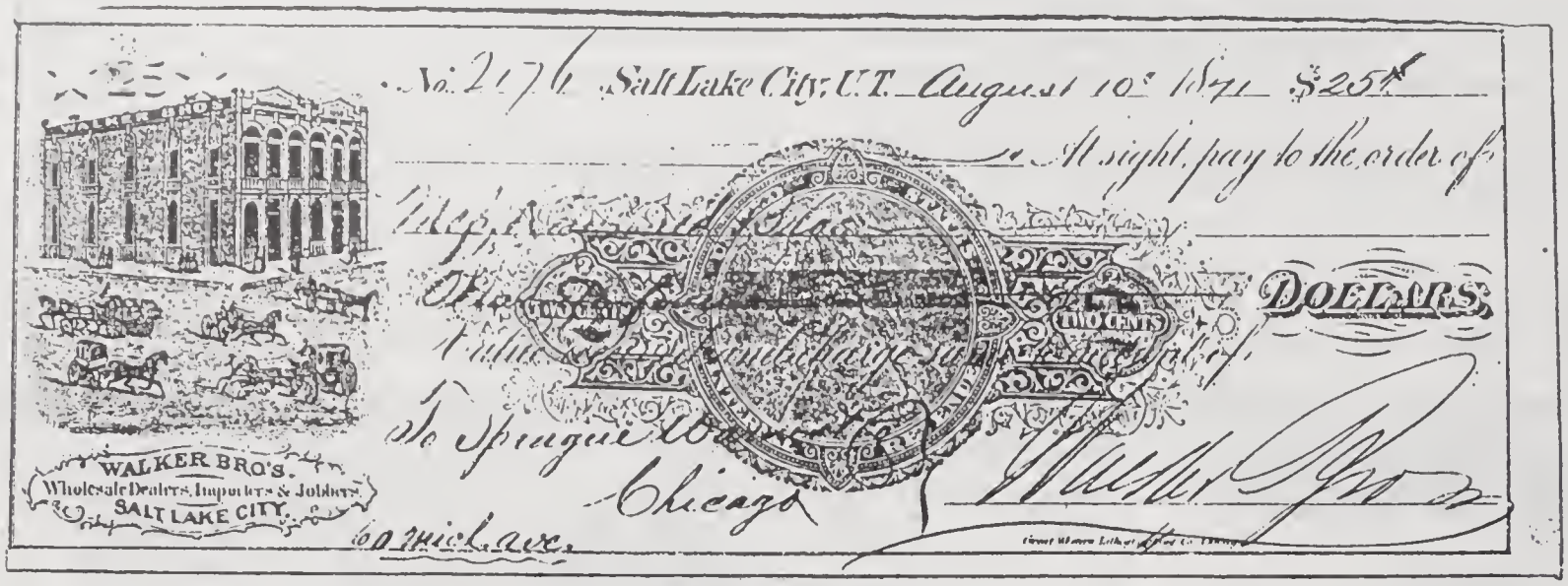
No. 2176 Salt Lake City, U.T. August 10th 1871 $25.00
At sight pay to the order of
DOLLARS
WALKER BRO's.
Wholesale Dealers, Importers & Jobbers
SALT LAKE CITY.
Chicago

Figure 13

Included here because it has a vignette and shown in Figure 13, I must say that checks drawn in Utah Territory are quite scarce. When you obtain one in pristine condition, marked Utah Territory (as indicated by the "U.T."), a lovely vignette at the left in red, you have a gorgeous item.

Figure 14

Shown here in Figure 14, this check has a Type D imprint revenue. It seems to have some provision for security. By punching out the proper numbers in the various little boxes or groups of numbers at the bottom of the check, it could serve to protect someone from "raising" the check in value. It is interesting that without a check protector or check printing device around, the ingenuity of that day was such that they could prepare and protect themselves from having a check raised. Note the unusual moiré silk patterned background.

A most spectacular item is shown in Figure 15. The entire check, with the exception of course of the imprinted revenue stamp, is entirely engraved. You will note that below the year date, there is an indication of the printer, namely, the Manhattan Engraving Co. It is also interesting that this check was drawn on the Banking House of Henry Clews & Co. who were very prominent bankers in New York City.

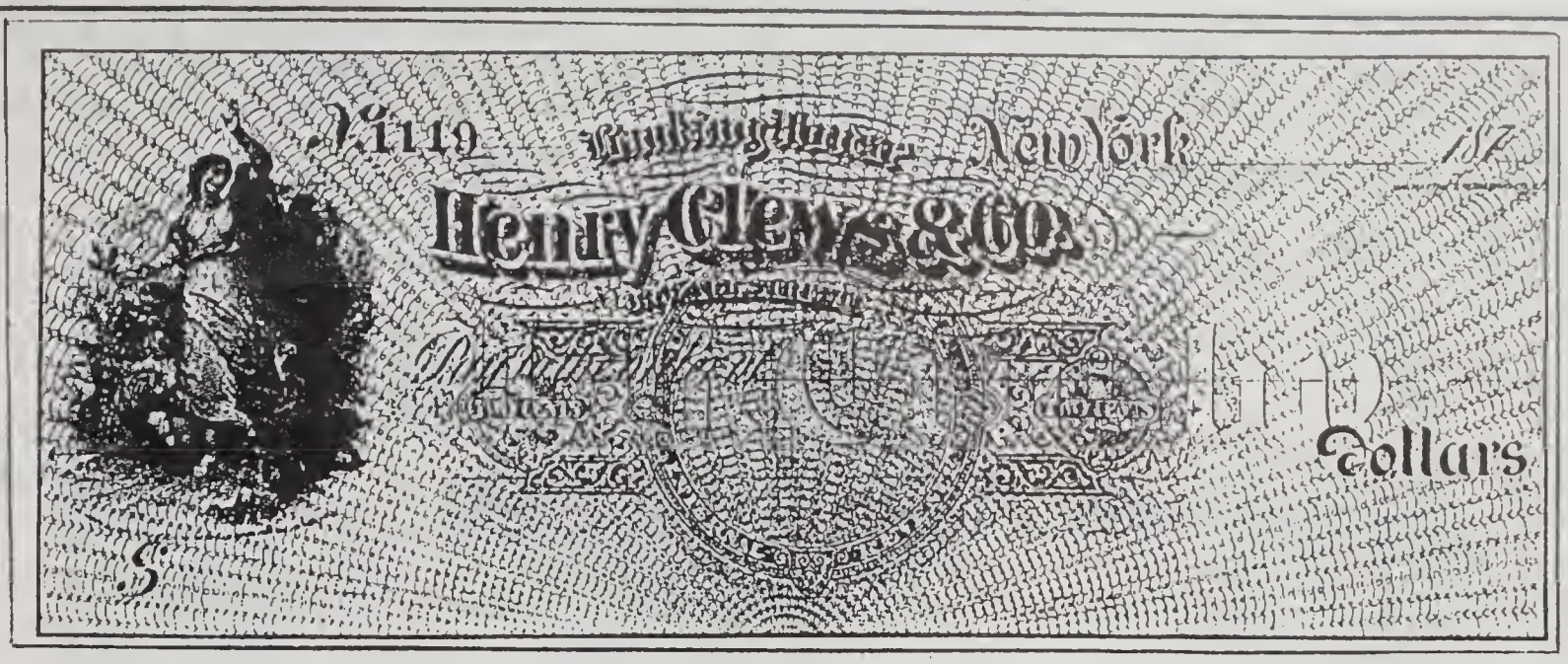

Figure 15

Figure 16

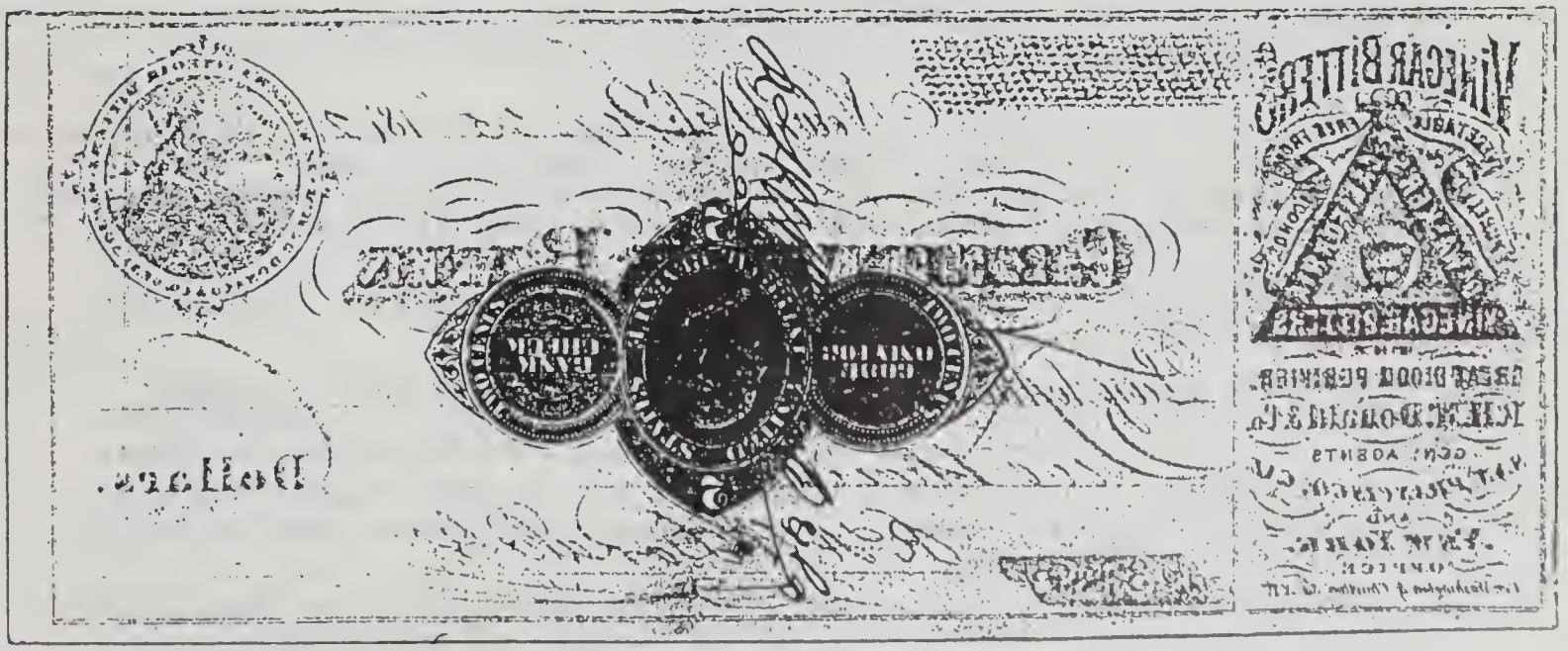

Figure 16-R

Figures 16 and 16-R show the front and back of a check where the revenue stamp is a Type D, printed on the back and inverted. Here

is an item that also has an appeal to the collector of match and medicine stamps. There are to date no other known or reported copies of this item. I think it is one of the most beautiful items in my collection.

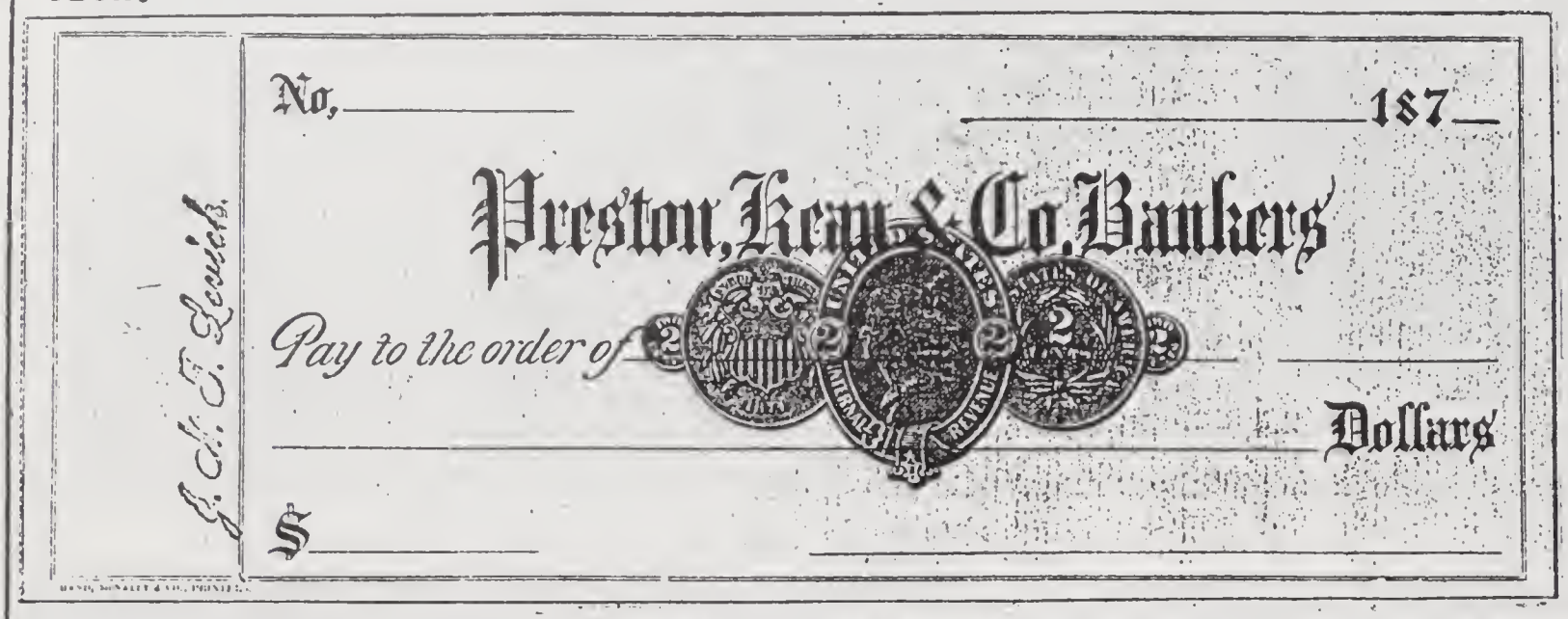

Fig. 17

The check in Figure 17 is merely an example of a check with the Type O imprint revenue stamp. This check and the imprint is in mint condition. It is interesting that the stamp portrays the obverse and reverse of a type of coin which was very soon thereafter to become obsolete. I have been advised there have been several queries as to whether a check bearing a Type O imprint revenue stamp in unused condition does exist. Here it is!

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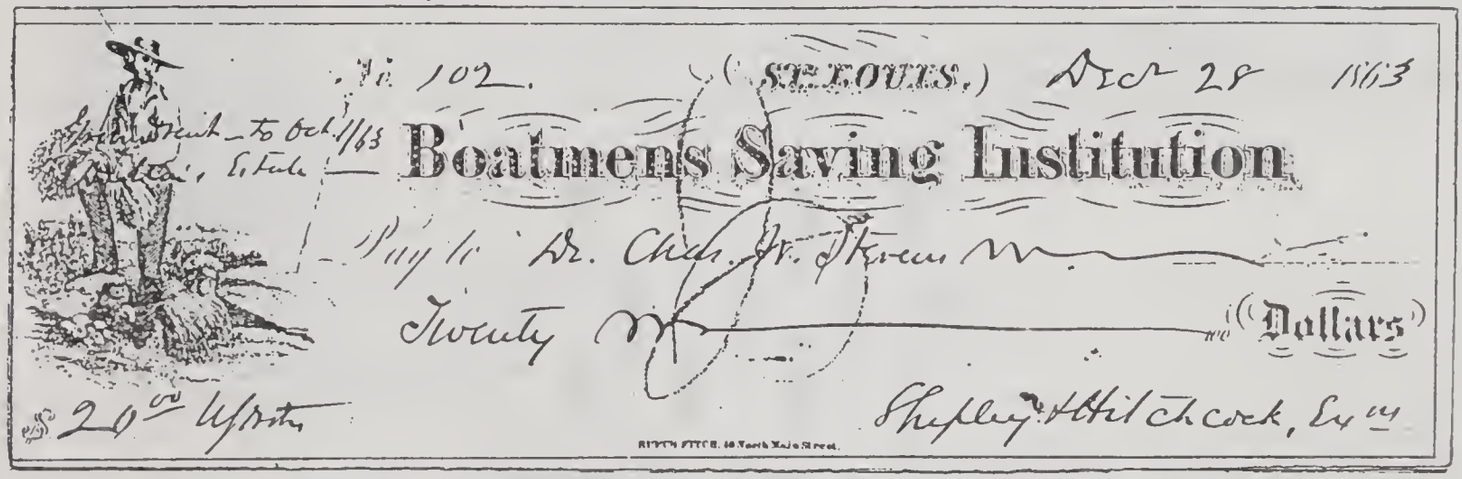
CHECK COLLECTORS CLEARING HOUSE

A column of questions and answers from our readers.

Reply to #14 (in TCC #6):

Ron Horstman sent in a copy of the same Post Office Transfer Draft but for ten cents, dated June 4, 1894, and payable to the "L" P. M. at Nursery, Mo., which is no longer shown on Missouri maps. It was the only one he had seen until Herman Boraker submitted his copy.

Reference to the article in TCC #6 by Charles Kemp and Mike Mahler on the 2¢ check tax of 1862-63 by Ron Horstman. He has the following check of December 28, 1863 for $20 without a revenue stamp.

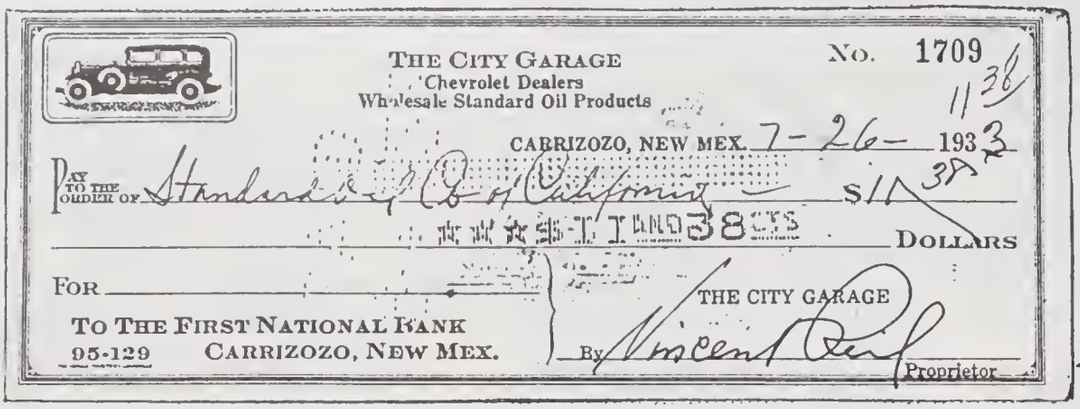


#15 - Ron Horstman submits what appears to be a draft and is marked as a check. The protective numbering on the border was not used. Were these items punched or ink marked? Has anyone ever seen another like this from St. Louis?

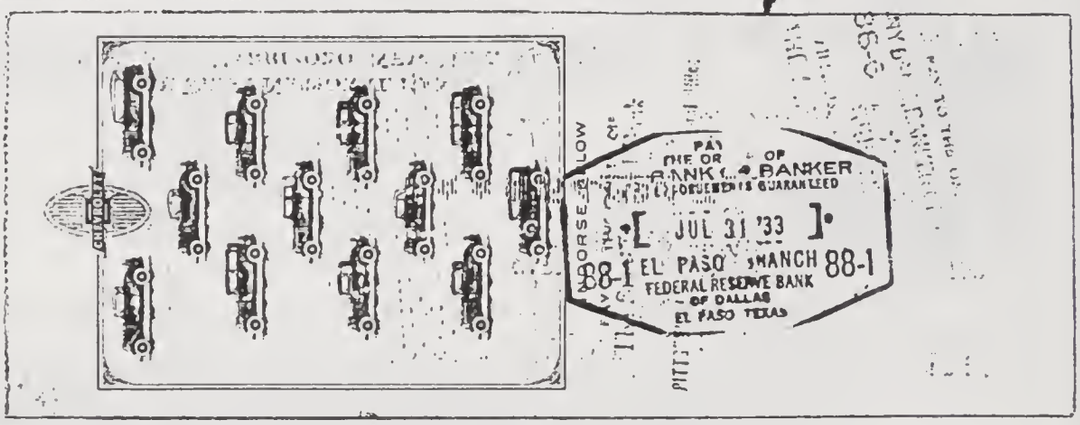
#16 - William Johnson submits submits a copy of a New Mexico check that has interest appeal. In addition to the vignette on the face of the check, the back sports a vignette that includes a whole Chevy model year of cars as well as the radiator emblem. He asks: Aside from the Pleasant Valley Wine Co. of New York checks which show a champagne bottle on the back, are there any other checks with vignettes printed on the back? (Illustrations on following page).

#17 - Richard Biemer sent in this check as an example of the use of an armed services banking service. He has seen two examples, both from the same person and both dated 1929. They are not numbered. The check color is black on tan. Quite possibly other military installations sponsored their own banks. In such cases the service must have been limited to base facilities or stores and consequently

use was infrequent. He wonders if there were similar uses at other installations and whether other services such as savings accounts were offered?


THE CITY GARAGE
Chevrolet Dealers
Wholesale Standard Oil Products
No. 1709
CARRIZOZO, NEW MEX. 7-26- 1933
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Standard Oil Co of California $1.38
ONE AND 38 CTS DOLLARS
FOR
TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
95-129 CARRIZOZO, NEW MEX.
THE CITY GARAGE
By Vincent Paul Proprietor

#16


PAY THE ORDER OF BANKER
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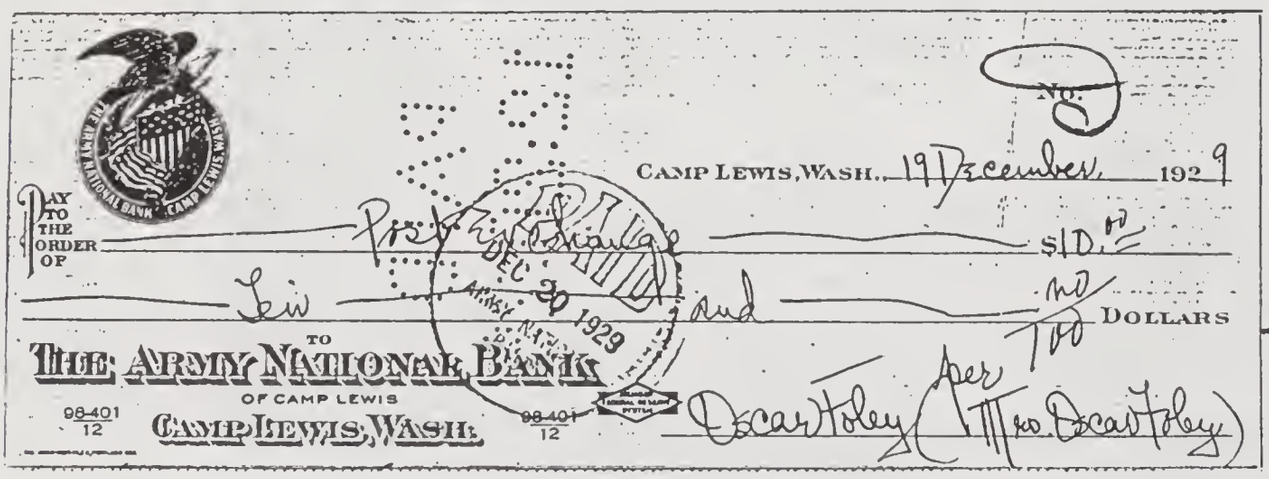
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS
EL PASO TEXAS


No.
CAMP LEWIS, WASH. 19 December 1929
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Pvt Roberts $10.00
Ten and no/100 DOLLARS
TO THE ARMY NATIONAL BANK
OF CAMP LEWIS
CAMP LEWIS, WASH.
98-401 12
DEC 30 1929
Oscar Foley per Mrs. Oscar Foley

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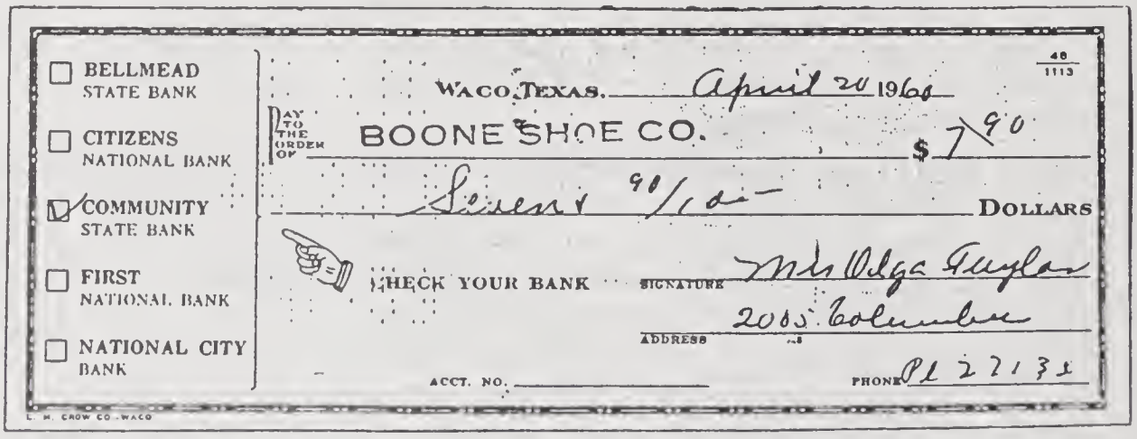
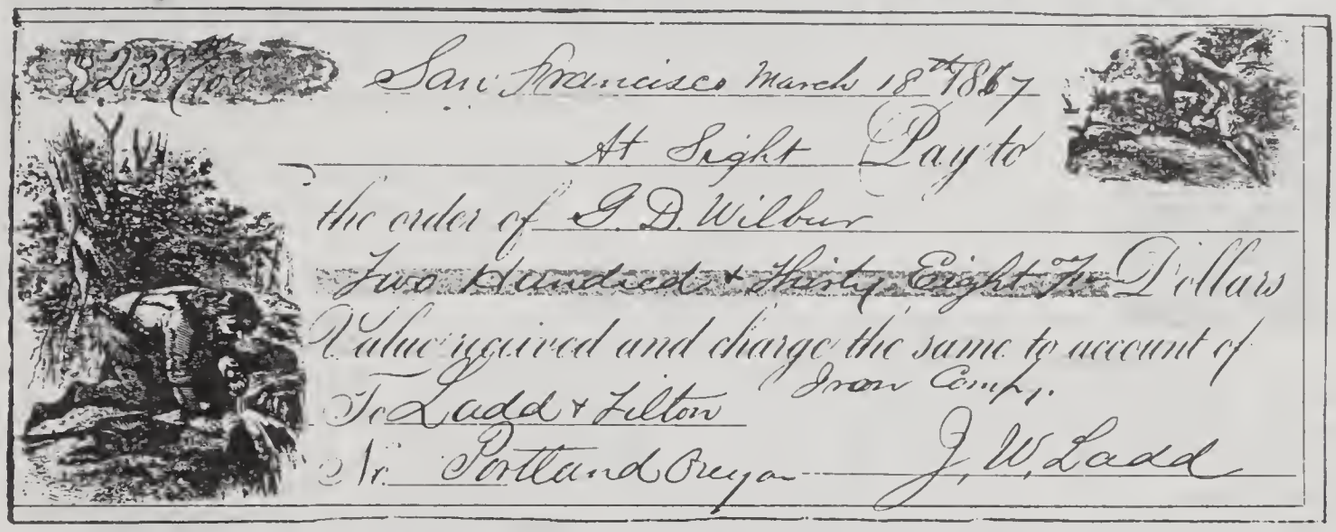
#18


BELLMEAD STATE BANK
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
COMMUNITY STATE BANK
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
NATIONAL CITY BANK
CHECK YOUR BANK
WACO, TEXAS. April 20 1960
PAY TO THE ORDER OF BOONE SHOE CO. $ 7.90
Seven 90/100 DOLLARS
SIGNATURE Mrs Olga Taylor
ADDRESS 2005 Columbus
ACCT. NO.
PHONE PL 2-7131
48 1113
L. H. CROW CO. - WACO

#18 - Here is an unusual type of "any bank" check sent in by Charlie Gould. He wonders if Mr. Crow the printer was the enterprising man behind this idea and are there any other "ballot box" type of "any bank" checks.

HAPPY FINDINGS AND CONVERSATION PIECES

William Stump submits the following sight draft to Ladd & Tilton of Portland, Oregon and inscribed "Iron Compy." The Ladd & Tilton Bank was the first bank in Oregon, established in 1865. Many do not know that in early Oregon history, there were several attempts


$238 100
San Francisco March 18th 1867
At Sight Pay to
the order of G. D. Wilber
Two Hundred & Thirty Eight 100 Dollars
Value received and charge the same to account of
Iron Compy.
To Ladd & Tilton
Portland Oregon
J. W. Ladd

to mine, refine and process iron ore found in what is now a suburb of Portland, Oregon. A number of iron companies existed, among which was the Oregon Iron Co., incorporated in 1865. A smelter was constructed in 1865-66 and a Mr. Wilbur of Connecticut, whose name is on the sight draft, was in charge of construction.

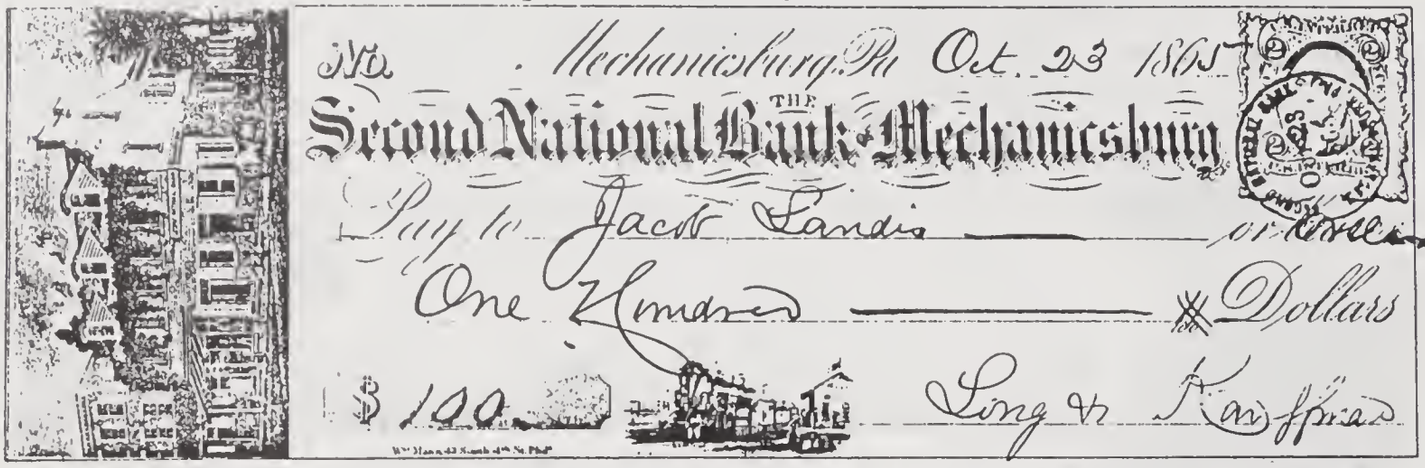
Exchange for $150 100
Key West, December 29th 1875
At Three days sight of this FIRST
of Exchange (Second unpaid) pay to the Order of
A. F. & C. Tift
Seventy and 1/100 Dollars
Value received and charge the same to account of expenses of
Schooner J. F. Kranz at this port
To Capt A. H. Reavere
Refused M. L. Timms.
Mass Master Schr J. F. Kranz

Another interesting Florida item submitted by William Stump is this Key West bill of exchange of 1875 payable to A.F. & C. Tift. The Tifts, from New England, established their business in Key West in the 1820's. By the 1880's, they had amassed considerable holdings and their warehouses stored salvage goods, ships stores, coal, feed and even an icehouse filled with blocks of ice brought down from Maine. The chief enterprise of Key West at that time however, was wrecking. The Tifts were among the warehouse owners who stored and auctioned goods under control of the Federal District Court for which services they obtained various fees and commissions.

The eastern coast of Florida was long, dangerous and full of shoals and wrecks were frequent. A string of "houses of refuge" for shipwrecked seamen were built along the coast and served until the advent of the coastal railroads.

WHY I BEGAN COLLECTING CHECKS

by Richard L. Biemer



About ten years ago when I was a coin dealer at a show, another dealer handed me a bundle of checks like the one above, (one of which had been partially burned) and named a price. I accepted the offer. I had no idea of what to do with them. He suggested that I advertise. For years thereafter, I ran an ad in the Bank Note Reporter, because I immediately began to accumulate other checks and had to have some way of selling them.

I sold this check for 25¢ each until the lot ran out. Now it might bring up to $5, but it seems strange to me that no more of these checks have appeared on the market. They seemed to have disappeared. The example illustrated was kept as a souvenir. Over the years I have saved quite a few checks.

The check is very attractive, being blue on white with a neatly tied-in cancel on the revenue stamp.

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TAKE A THIRD LOOK

by Lee Poleske

In the September 1987 issue of The Check Collector there appeared an article I had written called "Always Take a Second Look". The point of the article was that what at first appeared to be a 1881 New York check of no interest to a collector of Alaskana, turned out to be of great interest since it was made out to and endorsed by A. P. Swineford, who three years later became the second governor of the District of Alaska. Soon after the article appeared, I received a letter from ASCC member Robert Richards of Baltimore, Maryland, whose main collecting interest is mining company checks and stocks. He brought to my attention another connection between the check which was the subject of the article, an Iron Cliffs Company check on the Third National Bank of New York, and Alaska.

The Iron Cliffs Company was one of the early iron mining concerns in the Lake Superior region. A Vice President of the company was Major Thomas Benton Brooks, an eminent mining engineer and geologist. Mr. Richards was kind enough to send me an Iron Cliffs Company draft, shown above, signed by Major Brooks, who was the father of Alfred H. Brooks.

Alfred H. Brooks (1871-1924) served as head of the Alaska section of the U.S. Geological Survey from 1903-1923. The government published his "Geology and Geography of Alaska" in 1906. Brooks wrote summaries of Alaska's mineral industries every year he was head of the Alaska Section, except in 1917-18, when he was geologist for the U.S. Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War I.

A series of essays on Alaska's history, which he wrote between 1914 and 1923 were published by the University of Alaska and the Arctic Institute of North America in 1953 under the title "Blazing Alaska's Trails".

The Brooks Range in Northern Alaska is named in his honor as is the School of Mines Building at the University of Alaska.

If I had not sent the original article in to "The Check Collector" for publication, I might never have learned of this connection between the Iron Cliffs Company and Alaska. I hope this encourages others to send in articles for publication, for by sharing our knowledge we can gain more knowledge in return from our fellow ASCC members. The incident also shows the willingness of members to share their knowledge with others, which is one of the reasons our hobby is so enjoyable and satisfying. In addition, it shows the importance of "The Check Collector" as a means of communication among check collectors.

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